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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) COMMUNIQUE

RE UNGA REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION ON
SPANISH SAHARA

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COMMUNIQUE FROM REGISTRY OF ICJ
JANUARY 9 REGARDING TIME LIMITS SET BY COURT FOR SUBMISSION
OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY STATES LIKELY TO HAVE INFORMATION
ON QUESTION REGARDING WESTERN SAHARA RAISED IN UNGA'S
REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION RECEIVED BY COURT DECEMBER 21.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PERTINENT PART OF PRESS
COMMUNIQUE:

"ON 3 JANUARY 1975 THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT MADE AN
ORDER FIXING 27 MARCH 1975 AS THE TIME-LIMIT FOR THE
SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY STATES CONSIDERED
BY THE COURT AS LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION
ON THESE QUESTIONS.

"THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEEN
INFORMED THAT, IN THE EVENT OF THEIR BEING ABLE TO
PROVIDE RELEVANT INFORMATION, THE COURT WILL BE PREPARED
TO RECEIVE THEIR WRITTEN STATEMENTS WITHIN THE ABOVE-
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MENTIONED TIME-LIMIT."

3. UNGA REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION UNDER ARTICLES

65 AND 66 OF THE COURT'S STATUTE ASKED:

"I. WAS WESTERN SAHARA (RIO DE ORO AND SAKIET EL
HAMRA) AT THE TIME OF COLONIZATION BY SPAIN A TERRITORY
BELONGING TO NO ONE (TERRA NULLIUS)?

"IF THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION IS IN THE NEGATIVE,
II. WHAT WERE THE LEGAL TIES BETWEEN THIS TERRITORY
AND THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO AND THE MAURITANIAN ENTITY?"

4. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY PRESS COMMUNIQUE TO DEPARTMENT
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